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Hi,

I think the MS settlement should include prohibiting them from putting restrictions on where you can run MS application software. Right now they are beginning to put clauses into their End User License Agreements forcing you to agree to use it only on MS operating systems; this is very anti-competitive, as it is otherwise slowly becoming possible to run MS apps on other OSes, like Linux (using Wine). The only point of such restrictions is to suppress competition with MS' operating systems, the Windows. It does not protect MS intellectual property in any way; users still have bought the MS software, after all.

Thanks,

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